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CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

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RESPONSE TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PAPER IS BEING SENT BY U.S. MAIL, FIRST CLASS, TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, THIS 7 DAY OF TUNE, 2007.

Sir:

This is in response to the Interview Summary dated May 8, 2007 and further in response to an Examiner's Interview that occurred on May 2, 2007.

During the interview, claim 1 and the cited references were discussed. It was agreed that the last phrase in the claim "the external device and the battery to which the charging signal is provided are separate from each other" with the additional language "so as not to be physically coupled," may overcome the prior art used in this rejection.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

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